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(54) Title: **ZWITTERIONIC SILOXANE POLYMERS AND IONICALLY CROSS-LINKED POLYMERS FORMED THEREFROM**

(57) Abstract: Ionically cross-linked silicone polymers of a thickened gel-like consistency are made by reacting a diamino containing polysiloxane with an acid containing reactant selected from itaconic acid or the ester derivative thereof; substituted or unsubstituted cyclic and anhydride; substituted or unsubstituted conjugated olefinic acid or mixtures of the same at an elevated temperature in the presence of a low molecular weight silicone oil or other solvent until an ionically cross-linked zwitterionic siloxane polymer of a gel-like consistency is formed.